

## Interview Summary

**Application No.**

10/669,471

**Applicant(s)**

YOKOUCHI, KOUJI

**Examiner**

Fred I. Ehichioya

**Art Unit**

2162

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Fred I. Ehichioya.

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(2) Catherine M. Voisinnet (Reg. No. 52,327).

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Date of Interview: 13 December 2007.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☒ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: N/A.

Claim(s) discussed: 1, 7, 13, 19 and 20.

Identification of prior art discussed: U.S. Pub. No. 2001/0022624 and U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0018802.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant's representative (Ms. Voisinet) explains the general concepts of the invention and further discusses the specification means of claims 1, 7, 13 and how the limitation is different from the prior art of record. New claims 19 and 20 were also discussed. Examiner pointed out some sections of the prior arts which he believes read into the limitation. Applicant may submit a preliminary amendment and the Examiner will review and conduct a further search before a decision is made.

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### Applicant Initiated Interview Request Form

Application No.: 10/669,471-Conf. #4852 First Named Applicant: Kouji YOKOUCHI

Examiner: F. I. Ehichloya Art Unit: 2162 Status of Application: Non-Final Office Action mailed April 12, 2007

#### Tentative Participants:

(1) Examiner Ehichloya (2) Catherine M. Voisin  
 (3) \_\_\_\_\_ (4) \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Date of Interview: December 4, 2007 Proposed Time: 2:00 (PM)

#### Type of Interview Requested:

(1) ☐ Telephonic (2) ☒ Personal (3) ☐ Video Conference

Exhibit To Be Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ YES ☐ NO

If yes, provide brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

### Issues To Be Discussed

Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) <u>35 USC § 101</u>	<u>7-18</u>	_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
(2) <u>35 USC § 103</u>	<u>1-18</u>	<u>Tanaka et al. in view of Romanik</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

☐ Continuation Sheet Attached

#### Brief Description of Arguments to be Presented:

Claims are patentable over cited art as Romanik fails to cure the deficiencies of Tanaka by failing to teach or suggest the information item specification means for specifying a portion of or all of the information items of the accompanying information to be used for image classification, and for specifying priority among the specified information items. Per tel/con of 10/31/07, the Examiner agrees to conduct the Interview prior to formal consideration of Applicant's Reply filed 10/11/07.

An interview was conducted on the above-identified application on \_\_\_\_\_

#### NOTE:

This form should be completed by applicant and submitted to the examiner in advance of the interview (see MPEP §713.01).

This application will not be delayed from issue because of applicant's failure to submit a written record of this interview. Therefore, applicant is advised to file a statement of the substance of this interview (37 CFR 1.133(b)) as soon as possible.

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 Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature

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 Examiner/SPE Signature

Catherine M. Voisin  
 Typed/Printed Name of Applicant or Representative

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